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MCC revives Town Hall renovation project

Sanctions Rs. 3 crore; tender process completed; works to commence soon

Mysuru, May 19 (MTY&KS)- With the iconic Sri Rangacharlu Memorial Hall, popularly known as the Town Hall, showing signs of severe deterioration after years of neglect, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has finally initiated steps to restore the heritage structure by releasing Rs. 3 crore for renovation works.

The MCC plans to undertake the repair and restoration of the 142-year-old landmark building in consultation with heritage experts.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Town Hall Manager D. Surendra Kumar said the Rs. 3 crore allocated in the MCC budget for renovation has now been released and the tender process has been completed. Renovation works are expected to begin shortly under the supervision of heritage conservation experts.

He added that toilets in the premises will also be renovated at a cost of Rs. 4 lakh.

Surendra Kumar said the restoration had been delayed due to pending Court cases. Since the Town Hall is a protected heritage structure, special permission has been obtained for the renovation works, which will involve the use of lime mortar and cement.

Renovation plans

The proposed works include restoration of the right wing of the building, interior renovation, installation of a new sound and lighting system, replacement of wooden flooring, repainting and renovation of toilets. Damaged wooden roof beams will also be replaced with metal beams.

Built in 1884 in memory of Dewan Sir C.V. Rangacharlu, the first Dewan of erstwhile Mysore Princely State, 142-year-old colonial-era Town Hall was once a vibrant centre for cultural and public events in the city. However, the building has remained out of bounds for several years due to safety concerns.

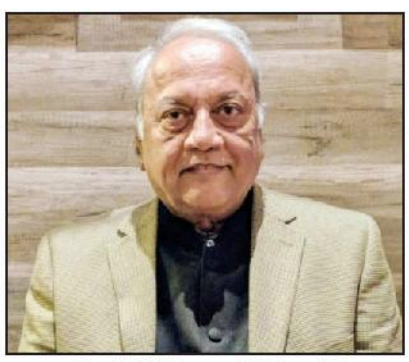
(See TOWN HALL on page 6)

Prof. Shivram Malavalli of SJCE-STEP passes away

Mysuru, May 19- Professor Shivram Malavalli (76), Founding Director of SJCE-Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park (SJCE-STEP) in Mysuru and a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind two sons — Manjesh Bhargav and Akhilesh Bhargav — and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to family sources.



Prof. Shivram Malavalli

A Mechanical Engineering graduate from SJCE with a Master's from IIT Bombay, Prof. Shivram served as the Founding Director of SJCE-STEP from 1981 to 2002. He had also served as the MD of eHealth Technology Business Incubator (TBI); Vice-President of the Indian Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Parks and Business Incubator Association (ISBA); Resident Chairman of the San Francisco-Bangalore Sister City Initiative; Trustee of Indus International Schools, member of the Board of Governors at Swami Rama Himalayan University, Uttarakhand.

Prof. Shivram had constructed a temple for Agasthya Maharshi and Lopamudra on the banks of River Cauvery at Balamuri.

STAR OF MYSORE

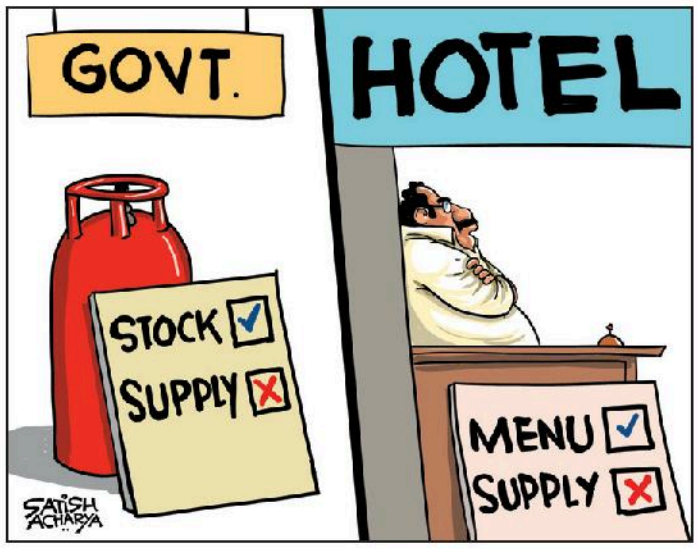
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 19th May 2026

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE QUIET QUALITIES THAT COMMAND RESPECT: ***All of us want to be respected and acknowledged for what we bring to the table in terms of contributions, value additions and the difference we make — whether it is at home, in the workplace or in social organisations we belong to. And often many of us feel we are not duly recognised and respected or that we are ignored until the day our work shines through, by when it is usually too late.***

To earn respect on the career front, one has to possess cutting-edge knowledge, finely honed skills and agility, apart from delivering consistently. This is what will make us stand out. That said, certain other qualities of the heart are vital to command respect. The way we conduct ourselves and interact with peers, colleagues, superiors and those who seek our services matters.

A well-known cardiac surgeon observed in an interview that while there were equally qualified surgeons in the field, what drove patients to a select few was the quality of compassion. It is the same with ordinary people endowed with innate goodness.

In these days of falling ethical and moral standards, a person who abides by dharma is known for his/her integrity, ethical dealings and fairness in judgement and easily wins respect.

Humility and not throwing one's weight around or acting pompous — which goes to show the person is not vain or egoistic — is an intangible asset.

Authenticity and readiness to acknowledge if mistakes were made and express gratitude for tasks well done add to the respect quotient.

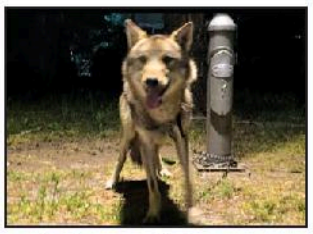
Gaining respect takes time even if one shows great promise and brilliance. The great philosopher Ramanuja had a demanding teacher in his maternal uncle Thirumalai Nambi, who did not take him under his wing for years because he was testing the student. Later he was taught the *Ramayana* ***and other texts. Having impressed the mentor with his diligence and grasp, he was presented with the title of*** *Emberumanaar* ***(Our Lord). Working with a perfectionist mentor can be a humbling experience but will help one garner respect eventually.***

If you feel you are not being given respect, do a reality check. Is there something you can work on or do differently? If you genuinely think you are being singled out, only then call it quits or set boundaries.

—Sudha Umashanker in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Wolf kept as a pet gets new home



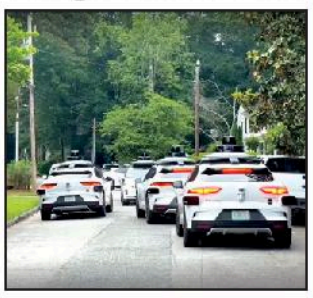
Skopje: A wolf that was apparently being kept as a pet in North Macedonia was found wandering loose on the streets of the capital and was taken to a local zoo.

The Skopje Zoo said the wolf, wearing a collar and chain, was spotted wandering loose in the Cozle neighbourhood of Skopje last Tuesday.

Ministry of Interior personnel arrived on the scene and were followed by City of Skopje employees and wildlife experts from the zoo. The wolf was taken to the zoo, where officials said it will have a new home. It is currently under quarantine while veterinary personnel ensure it is in good health.

"Wolves are not pets and must not be kept in captivity and inappropriate conditions. They are wild animals that have their own natural needs, instincts and behaviours," the Zoo said.

Empty taxis flood Atlanta neighbourhood



Atlanta: Residents of an Atlanta neighbourhood said empty, self-driving Waymo cars have been flooding into their cul-de-sacs by the dozens.

Neighbours in the Battleview Drive area said they first started noticing robotaxis circling their dead-end roads a couple of months ago, but in the past two weeks the cars have been arriving in large groups, most frequently in the early morning.

Residents said they tried using signs to ward the cars away, but it caused them to get stuck trying to turn around.

Waymo cars have caused traffic problems in Atlanta in the past — in April, three Waymo taxis completely blocked an intersection at a blinking red light.

The neighbours said they are concerned about the safety of their kids and small pets.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Every milestone matters — regular paediatric check-ups help monitor your child's healthy growth and development.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar US - Consultant – Paediatrics
Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Talk on Indian Literature

Mysuru, May 19- A Special Talk on 'Plurality in Indian Literature' by Prof. Manu Chakravarthy, Literary and Cultural Critic and Academician, has been organised at Maharani's Arts College for Women at 11 am tomorrow (May 20), under the joint aegis of the Department of Collegiate & Technical Education, Government of Karnataka, PG Department of English, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, IQAC and Mysore Literary Association.

Prof. M.S. Anita, Principal, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, will preside. Prof. D. Anand, IQAC Coordinator & Coordinator, PG Department of Economics, Dr. N.S. Sindhu, Coordinator, PG Department of English, Dr. K.N. Sushma, Associate Professor, PG Department of English and Dr. Priya Uthaia, Associate Professor, PG Department of English, will be present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **86.86 feet**	Today's level **2,254.28 feet**	Today's level **2,823.52 feet**
Last year's level **89.40 feet**	Last year's level **2,261.25 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.64 feet**
Yesterday's level **87.45 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,254.39 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.52 feet**
Today's Inflow **95 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **286 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **214 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,713 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **600 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***A garden snail can have up to 15,000 teeth. All of these teeth are located on the radula, an organ found in the mouths of mollusks. Using it, snails scrape nutrients from leaves and algae.***
- ***The fear of long words is called Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia. The 36-letter word was first used by the Roman poet Horace in the first century BCE to criticise those writers with an unreasonable penchant for long words.***
- ***The world's oldest dog lived to 29.5 years old. While the median age a dog reaches tends to be about 10-15 years, one Australian cattle dog, 'Bluey', survived to the ripe old age of 29.5.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *"I didn't see you in history class today, John!"*
John: *"Thank you, Sir! I was hiding!"*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 96.31
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 129.12
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 26.21
1 Euro	= Rs. 112.15

VOICE OF THE READER

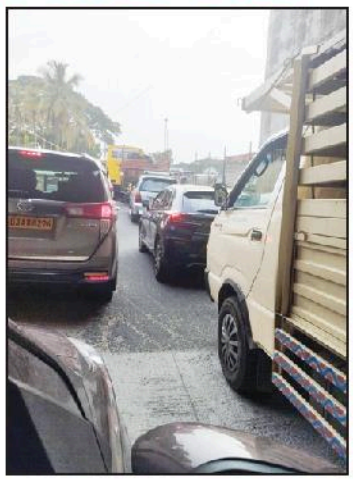
Traffic chaos at Railway Under Bridge near GRS

Sir,

While the second Railway Under Bridge (RUB) opening is progressing at a good pace near GRS Fantasy Park on Ring Road, the service road opening on one side is made available to public, which is benefiting the commuters.

However, during morning and evening peak hours, when the signal is red, the vehicles from GRS side move in the service road to approach near the signal, thus blocking the service road and choking the vehicle movement intending to drive towards Metagalli side.

There is an urgent need to address this, as many minor accidents are taking place often here.



I request the authorities to take suitable measures to streamline this problem and avoid inconvenience to motorists.

—Vijay Hemmige
Vijayanagar Railway Layout
15.5.2026

Electoral mapping to go on till June 19

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy addressing a meeting on electoral mapping of voters at ZP Hall yesterday in the presence of Additional DC R. Aishwarya and MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif.

Mysuru, May 19 (MK&DM)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the District Electoral Officer, said that electoral mapping of voters in the district will go on till June 19.

Presiding over a meeting of officials and stakeholders ahead of SIR (Special Intensive Revision) process at ZP hall here on Monday, he said that the voter mapping in all 11 Assembly segments will continue till June 19 and the SIR will be taken up only after this process is completed.

Pointing out that the Election Commission has directed for cent percent voter mapping, he said submission of Voter IDs will make the process faster.

Asserting that there will be no rejection of genuine voters, he said officials will be on field work during the entire process.

Clarifying that there is no compulsion of production of Voter ID cards, Reddy said that any other legal documents or cards can be shown, which will be verified.

"Once the SIR process starts, all the voters will be given enumeration forms and BLOs (Booth Level Officers) will visit every house three times. During the drive, enumeration forms will be collected from voters", he said.

Asserting that there is no question of dropping any genuine voter from the electoral rolls, the DC said that all political parties can alert their BLOs and take measures for avoiding any duplication. He further said that all booths and slums will be covered during the drive and there is no question of deleting names.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, Additional DC R. Aishwarya, Congress Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and others attended.

Voter mapping is a tool that enables political parties and candidates to analyse and categorise voter demographics, preferences and behaviours.

Ayesha John to mesmerise Mysuru with 'Back to the Groove' concert

Mysore Music Association brings a retro evening of Jazz, Rock and Soul to MRC Club House

Mysuru is in for a soul-stirring musical evening as singer **Ayesha John** takes centre stage at the **'Back to the Groove'** concert tomorrow (May 20) from 6 pm to 8.30 pm at MRC Club House - Wadiyar Pavilion in city.

An emerging artiste steadily making her mark on the live music circuit, Ayesha brings a distinctive sound that effortlessly bridges eras — weaving retro-inspired vocals with soulful melodies and a contemporary groove that feels both timeless and fresh. Whether she is channelling old-school classics or revisiting modern favourites, her performances are known for their warmth, rhythm and an infectious musical energy that draws audiences in from the very first note.

Music clearly runs deep in this family. Ayesha is the granddaughter of Usha Uthup, the legendary Indian pop and jazz icon whose distinctive voice and on-stage charisma have made her a beloved institution in Indian music for over five decades, and the daughter of Anjali Kurian, a renowned singer in her own right.

Adding a special dimension to the evening, **Anjali Kurian** will herself take to the stage alongside Ayesha, making this a rare and heart-warming multi-generational musical celebration.

Ayesha John

The evening, themed around Jazz, Retro and Rock, promises to be an immersive live experience — a rare opportunity for Mysureans to unwind in a heritage setting while rediscovering the joy of live music.

The concert is presented by **Mysore Music Association (MMA)**, one of Mysuru's oldest cultural institutions, established in 1971. Over five decades, MMA has been a steadfast patron of music — nurturing talent, curating performances across genres and keeping the tradition of live music alive. 'Back to the Groove' is yet another expression of the Association's commitment to bringing quality & accessible music to city. Tickets are available at the venue and entry is free for MMA members.

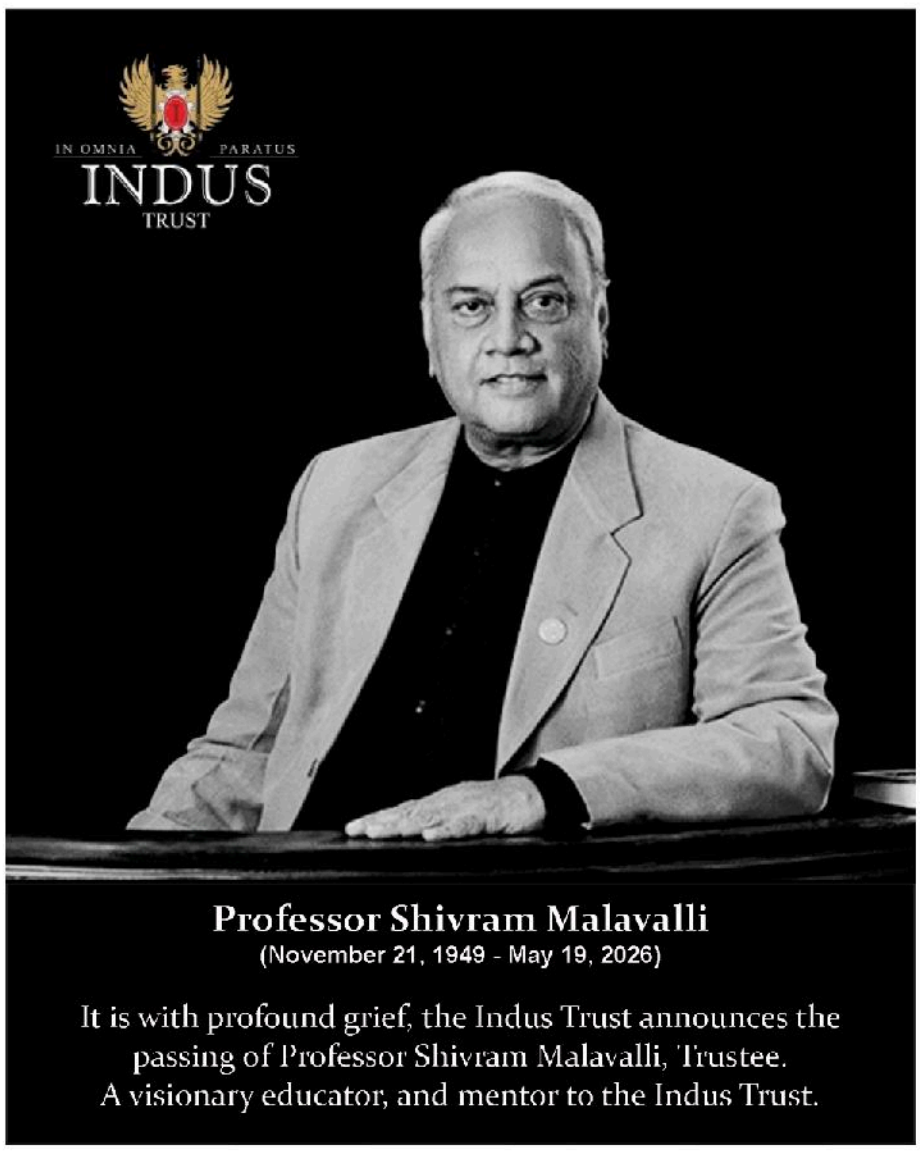
Cultural celebration in memory of art patron late B.S. Suresh

Mysuru, May 19- A grand day-long cultural festival has been organised to honour the memory and celebrate the 60th birth anniversary of late B.S. Suresh, a prominent art patron and a key figure in upholding Samskara Bharati in Mysuru. Known for his selflessness and community spirit, Suresh Samaga dedicated his life to uplifting society through promotion of art and culture.

B.S. Suresh

In his fond remembrance, his family and friends have organised a cultural programme on May 21 from 9.30 am to 8 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

Events include saxophone recital, Karnatak vocal concert, violin duet, Dasavani, patriotic songs, play 'Police Iddare Eccharike,' Yakshagana, Folk dance, Harikate, flute recital and Bharatanatyam. Entry is free.


IN OMNIA PARATUS
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Professor Shivram Malavalli
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It is with profound grief, the Indus Trust announces the passing of Professor Shivram Malavalli, Trustee.
A visionary educator, and mentor to the Indus Trust.

NEWS BRIEFS

Applications invited

The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from students belonging to SC community who passed out SSLC (2025-26) in first attempt, for availing financial assistance. SC community students who passed out SSLC scoring more than 75 percent marks will be provided a financial assistance of Rs. 15,000, while those who passed out scoring 60 to 74.99 percent will be given Rs. 7,000. SC community students who pass 10th standard in CBSE and ICSE curriculum, scoring more than 60 percent marks, can also apply. Students can apply through the website: ***https://swdservices.karnataka.gov.in/PrizeMoneyClientApp/register*** or ***swdservices.karnataka.gov.in-Register/Apply.*** For more details, visit the Department Office located at Babu Jagjivanram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Vontikoppal East, Paduvarahalli or contact Ph: 0821-2520910.

Mushroom Cultivation

HEARt Organisation has organised a one-day Mushroom Cultivation Training Programme with the objective of promoting self-employment opportunities and rural entrepreneurship. The training programme will be held on May 24 at the HEARt Organisation Office located near Ring Road, Kotehundi (Halalu), Mysuru. The programme will provide both practical and theoretical training on mushroom cultivation under the guidance of experienced resource persons. Last date for registration is May 20. For details, call Mob: 93536-30903.

Obituary

R. Venkatesh

Mysuru, May 19- R. Venkatesh (88), retired KPTCL employee and a Home Guard Commandant, passed away following age-related ailments in city yesterday.

He had also served as the President of Sri Sadananda Subbajettappa Garadi and Sri Nimbujadevi Temple Trust and was a recipient of the President's Medal for his meritorious service in Home Guard.

A resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage in city, he leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening.

Bandipur anti-poaching camps get better facilities

Safari revenue, CSR funds provide new roof, drinking water supply, solar-powered borewells

A view of Anti-Poaching Camp (APC) at Maralahalla, Bandipur Tiger Reserve Forest, before (Left) and after (Right) taking up the strengthening works.

Mysuru, May 19 (MTY&BS)- Anti-Poaching Camps (APCs) at the Bandipur Tiger Reserve are being upgraded with improved infrastructure and basic facilities.

The tiger reserve has 53 APCs across different locations and the upgradation works are being taken up using revenue generated from safari operations, Forest Department funds and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grants.

As most camps lack electricity connections, rooftop solar panels are being installed to ensure round-the-clock power supply. The 2-kv solar units, supported by battery systems, are also being used to pump water through solar-powered borewells to provide drinking water to forest watchers and other personnel stationed at the camps.

The roofs of the camps are being rebuilt using quality materials, while beds and other essential amenities are also being provided. Exterior walls are being repainted as part of the renovation works.

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran said that APC staff and Forest Watchers played a key role in wildlife and forest protection. He said that the welfare measures would be implemented in phases across all 53 camps.

He added that the ICICI Foundation had provided 2-kv solar panels under its CSR initiative, helping ensure potable water supply at the camps.

Case of son killing mother

Father, son among four arrested

Mysuru, May 19 (BLU,PM&KS)- Jayapura Police have arrested four persons including a man and his son for allegedly murdering a woman and trying to destroy the body by setting it on fire. The incident had taken place at K. Madahalli, Jayapura hobli in the taluk.

While the deceased has been identified as Sudha (48), the arrested accused are 29-year-old Shivarudrappa (son of Sudha), 55-year-old Nanjundaiah (husband of Sudha) and two of their relatives 22-year-old Abhi and 20-year-old Akash, residents of K. Madahalli in Jayapura hobli.

Addressing media persons at his office yesterday, Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi said that he had received a call on Sunday afternoon from an unknown person, who said that a son had murdered his mother and had burnt the body secretly.

He further said that based on the information, he had instructed Jayapura Sub-Inspector to visit the spot immediately. When the Sub-Inspector visited the house of the murder victim and inspected, he found blood stains and on further enquiry, the murder came to light following which Shivarudrappa was taken into custody and interrogated during which he confessed of killing his mother as he had suspected his

Sudha

Shivarudrappa

mother having illicit affair.

Continuing, the SP said that about three months ago, someone had recorded a video of Sudha riding pillion on a bike with a stranger, following which Shivarudrappa began to suspect that his mother was having an illicit relationship.

Shivarudrappa, who had recently moved to a house in J.P. Nagar in Mysuru, went to the village on Sunday morning and confronted his mother Sudha.

As wordy duel ensued between them, Shivarudrappa, in a fit of rage, assaulted Sudha with a stick on her head. As Sudha screamed for help, her mother Kempamma, who was residing nearby, rushed to her help following which Shivarudrappa fled from the spot.

Meanwhile, Shivarudrappa's relatives Abhi and Akash tried to shift the seriously injured Sudha to a hospital but she succumbed to injuries midway. They then called Shivarudrappa over the phone and informed him about it, who in turn informed the matter to his father Nanjundaiah.

They then decided to destroy the body and at about 11 am, they got firewood transported in a tractor to their agricultural field located on the road leading to Kaniyanahundi and set the body of Sudha on fire.

When the Police reached the spot in the evening, the body was still burning. The Cops then doused the fire and collected Sudha's skull and bones. The Police also recovered Sudha's Mangalya and earrings from the spot.

It is said that it was only Shivarudrappa who had assaulted his mother while the remaining three helped in destroying the evidence.

Jayapura Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Forged e-mail: Firm loses Rs. 35.94 lakh

Mysuru, May 19 (GA&KS)- A Mysuru-based company has allegedly been cheated of Rs. 35.94 lakh in an online fraud involving a fake e-mail and forged bank account details.

Digital Power Supply, located in Belavadi Industrial Area, manufactures automation products and renewable energy systems.

The company regularly imports micro-controllers from a Thailand-based firm and usually transfers payments to an account in the Mega International Commercial Bank in Taiwan.

However, the company reportedly received an e-mail purportedly from the Finance Department of the Thailand firm, stating that the bank account details had been changed. Police said that the e-mail had been sent using a fake domain created by fraudsters.

Believing the mail to be genuine, the company transferred 20,824.33 US dollars (about Rs. 19.32 lakh) on Mar. 17, 2026, and another 17,601 US dollars (about Rs. 16.62 lakh) on Mar. 31. In total, the company transferred around Rs. 35.94 lakh to the fraudulent account.

The fraud came to light on Apr. 21 when representatives of Digital Power Supply contacted the actual officials of the Thailand-based company through e-mail correspondence. The Mysuru firm then approached SBI seeking a fund recall, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

Following this, the company lodged a complaint with the Cyber Economic and Narcotic (CEN) Police Station in Mysuru. A case has been registered.

Tourist death during elephant clash

Dubare, Harangi Elephant Camps shut for two days

Overcrowding, management lapses under probe; senior officers to visit Dubare today

The Dubare Elephant Camp has been closed to tourists for two days. Even the boating activities have been suspended until further notice.

Kushalnagar, May 19 (AG& BCT)- The Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu has been closed for two days following mounting concerns over management lapses, overcrowding and the death of a Chennai tourist, S. Juneshe (33), who was caught in a clash between elephants Kanjan and Jai Marthanda yesterday.

Along with Dubare, the Harangi Elephant Camp has also been shut for two days. Rafting and boating activities at both Dubare and Harangi have been suspended.

Juneshe, a homemaker from Pallavaram in Chennai, died after she got trapped under elephant Jai Marthanda in the River Cauvery during a fight between the two elephants. The elephants had been brought to the river as part of their routine bathing schedule.

Kanjan attacked Jai Marthanda despite attempts by mahouts to control the animals. During the fight, Jai Marthanda lost balance and collapsed into the river, trapping Juneshe, who was standing nearby with her family.

Despite efforts by her husband, Joel Simon Franklin, who was carrying their daughter at the time, to pull her out of the water, Juneshe was crushed under the elephant and died on the spot. The Forest Department has announced a compensation of Rs. 20 lakh to the family.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Abhishek issued the closure order for Dubare and Harangi camps. A high-level team of Forest Department officials, including senior Range Forest Officers (RFOs), DCF and Assistant Conservators of Forests (ACFs), is expected to visit Dubare today to conduct an inquiry into the incident and issue memos to the staff for lapses.

Another attack last week

The incident has also brought renewed attention to safety concerns at the camp. Sources said, Prashantha had attacked a daily wager at Dubare about a week ago. The injured worker is currently undergoing treatment and reportedly does not have Departmental insurance coverage.

The inquiry is also expected to focus on staff mismanagement. Sources claimed that temporary daily-wage workers are often assigned duties as kavadis without adequate training in elephant behaviour and handling.

No selfies, feeding or bathing with elephants at camps

Minister Khandre orders SOP, tourists barred from close contact, safety norms tightened

Khandre

Kushalnagar, May 19 (AG& BCT)- In the wake of the death of a tourist at Dubare Elephant Camp in Kodagu yesterday, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has directed officials to frame a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for visitor safety at elephant camps across the State.

S. Juneshe (33), a homemaker from Chennai, was killed after getting trapped under an elephant during a fight between captive elephants Kanjan and Jai Marthanda while visiting the camp with her family.

Following the incident, the Minister instructed the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Chief Wildlife Warden to ensure that tourists maintain a minimum distance of 100 feet while watching elephants bathe.

The Minister further said, "I have suggested that steps be taken to restrict touching the trunks of elephants, standing next to them and taking photos, allowing tourists to wash their bodies, feeding them food such as jaggery, bananas, etc. and ensure that tourists maintain a certain distance from wild animals."

Khandre said, "There is a need to maintain a certain distance from wildlife. No matter how tamed wild animals, including elephants, are, it is difficult to understand the nature of the animals. Further, it is also difficult to predict when and how they will behave or react."

From tomorrow, visitors will only be allowed to observe elephants from a safe distance. Direct interaction with the animals will not be permitted.

Khandre said, similar SOPs had already been introduced for eco-tourism trekking routes and directed officials to implement strict safety measures at elephant camps as well.

In a note to Karnataka Chief Wildlife Warden and PCCF Kumar Pushkar, the Forest Minister said that temporary safety protocols should be enforced immediately until a formal SOP is finalised for camp activities and tourist movement.

Amid grief, husband donates wife's eyes

Juneshe's husband Joel Simon Franklin (second from left) donates his wife's retrieved eyes to KIMS doctors.

Juneshe

Kushalnagar, May 19 (AG &BCT)- In a poignant gesture following the tragedy at the Dubare Elephant Camp, the eyes of S. Juneshe, the Chennai tourist who died after being caught in a clash between two elephants, were donated for transplantation.

Despite the grief of losing his wife, her husband Joel Simon Franklin consented to donate her eyes to Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS). Following the post-mortem, Juneshe's corneas were retrieved, giving others the gift of sight.

Joel's decision, taken in the midst of personal tragedy, has drawn praise as an act of compassion and social responsibility. Recalling the incident, Joel told reporters that he, his wife and their daughter had entered the river to spend time near the elephants when the fight suddenly broke out.

"While my daughter and I somehow managed to escape, Juneshe got trapped beneath the fallen elephant. There was no emergency medical vehicle or even basic first-aid facility there," he said.

"We had purchased tickets costing Rs. 300 each to watch the jumbos being bathed and were taking photographs near the bathing area. Suddenly, another elephant charged at the elephant standing beside us. The elephant fell on me and my wife. I was holding our baby in my hands. I somehow escaped, but my wife could not come out. I tried to pull her out, but failed," he said emotionally. Joel alleged that panic gripped the area after the incident and there was no immediate help available at the spot.

KSIC modernises Filature Factory

Adds two new machines to boost silk yarn production; recruits 30 workers

Mysuru, May 19 (MTY&BS)- Mysore Silk sarees, which continue to enjoy unmatched popularity even after more than a century, may soon be available in larger quantities with Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC) procuring two new machines for its 114-year-old Filature Factory at Bhyrapura in T. Narasipur taluk.

The two newly procured machines, each with a capacity of 200 hertz, are being installed at the factory following tenders floated by the KSIC head office in Bengaluru. Officials said the installation process is a massive exercise and is expected to take nearly a month to complete.

At present, the factory operates two older machines of 400 hertz capacity, which together produce around 180 kg of high-quality silk yarn daily. Once the new machines become operational, daily production is expected to increase to nearly 200 to 250 kg of silk yarn, officials told *Star of Mysore*.

Civil works to build the platform for the new machinery had begun in February and March, coinciding with the indefinite protest by workers opposing the proposal to construct a stadium on a portion of the factory land.

30 outsourced staff recruited

To operate the new machines, the factory management has already recruited 30 outsourced employees. They are expected to undergo training to handle the advanced technology-based machinery. Officials said the machines are likely to become operational from June, marking another milestone in the history of the factory founded by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1912.

The filature factory is considered the mother unit supplying silk reels to KSIC silk factories in Mysuru and Channapatna, where the iconic Mysore Silk sarees are woven. Officials believe the addition of the two machines will significantly help meet the growing demand for Mysore Silk sarees. The factory currently has over 200 employees, many of whom work overtime during peak demand periods using the existing machines. With additional machinery and manpower, silk yarn production is expected to increase substantially.

Land returned after protests

The filature factory had recently drawn public attention after 5 acres of its 13.11-acre land was allotted to Sports Department for construction of a stadium. The proposal triggered a series of protests, with workers and activists arguing that the move would threaten the future expansion and functioning of the historic silk unit.

Following sustained opposition, the Government eventually withdrew the land allotment to the Sports Department and restored the land to KSIC Filature Factory.

MCC revives Town Hall renovation project

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Years of exposure to the elements have left the structure in a fragile condition. Large portions of the building suffer from leakage, with cracks developing across walls and ceilings.

A major crack is visible between the roof and walls, particularly near the stage area, raising concerns about structural stability.

The historic staircase leading to the stage, once used by former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi, is also in a neglected state.

Though patchwork and plastering had been carried out earlier to fill gaps between the ceiling and walls, much of it has peeled away, exposing the poor quality of past restoration efforts.

Continuous seepage from the ceiling has weakened the stage flooring, while wooden doors, windows and support beams have reportedly been damaged by termites and moth infestation.

Earlier tender, Court battle

The MCC had earlier awarded a Rs. 17.66 crore renovation contract to a Secunderabad-based company on Apr. 29, 2011.

Under the agreement, the works were to be completed within 12 months by Apr. 28, 2012. However, only around 30 percent of the project was completed before the contractor abandoned the work midway.

The original beautification plan included a multi-level basement parking facility, a 1,000-seat open-air theatre, landscaping, park development, illumination and rainwater harvesting systems.

Following the contractor's exit, the MCC moved Court and filed two separate cases: One related to the multi-level parking facility and another concerning the renovation works.

With special permission now granted, the civic body is preparing to restart the long-pending restoration project.

MPJA presents Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and Rajashekar Koti Memorial Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru Photo Journalist Association (MPJA) presented Pratibha Puraskar to students who have secured highest marks in SSLC & PUC at a programme, organised in memory of *Star of Mysore &* *Mysuru Mithra* ***Founder-Editor late Dr. K.B. Ganapathy and*** *Andolana* ***Founder-Editor late Rajashekar Koti, at Pathrakarthara Bhavan on Tyagaraja Road in city this morning. Seen in the picture are*** *(sitting from left)* ***N.S. Mythriya, M. Ranjana, A.R. Aprameya, S. Meghana and M. Sinchana, who were felicitated on the occasion, with*** *(standing from left)* ***MPJA Vice-President K.H. Chandru, Executive Committee (EC) Members Nagesh Panathale & A. Nandan*** *(partially seen),* ***Gen. Secretary M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, Treasurer S. Udayashankar, President Pragathi Gopalakrishna, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak,*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna,*** *Andolana* ***Editor Ravi Koti, MPJA Legal Advisor H.N. Venkatesh*** *(Law Guide),* ***MPJA EC Members Hampa Nagaraj, Anurag Basavaraj (Basavanna), T. Anoop Ragha, Ravi Gavimath and S.R. Madhusudan.***

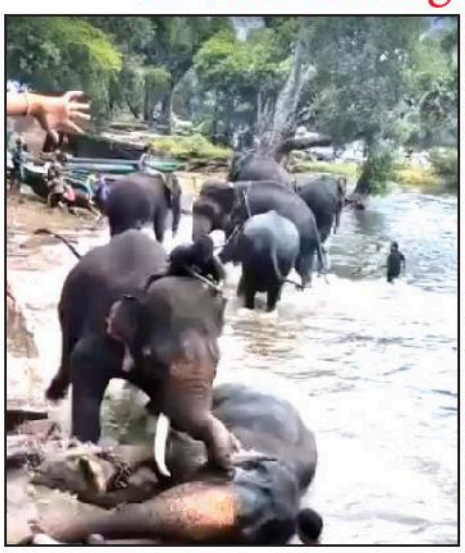
'Award *Bharat Ratna* to H.D. Deve Gowda'

Mysuru, May 19- The city's Arivu Samsthe offered special pujas at the famed 101 Ganapathy temple at Agrahara and prayed for a long and healthy life of JD(S) Supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda on the occasion of the veteran leader's 94th birthday celebrations yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy urged the Centre to bestow 'Bharat Ratna' on Deve Gowda. Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju and others were present.

Elephant Jai Marthanda dies at Dubare after Kanjan's attack

Camp houses 30 elephants against capacity of 22; 60 staff manage jumbos, 1,000 tourists



Kushalnagar, May 19 (AG& BCT)- A day after being attacked by Dasara elephant Kanjan at the Dubare Elephant Camp, elephant Jai Marthanda (34) succumbed to his injuries this morning.

Jai Marthanda had suffered grievous injuries during the violent clash and reportedly lost a large amount of blood into the River Cauvery after Kanjan repeatedly gored him.

Sources at the camp said Jai Marthanda was unable to effectively defend himself as he did not have tusks. During the attack, he lost balance in the water after being pushed by Kanjan, which continued to gore and pin him down with its full weight.

Though the injured elephant managed to regain balance and run to safety, Kanjan chased and attacked him again.

Soon after the incident, veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb rushed to the camp and began treatment. Caretakers said Jai Marthanda remained in critical condition through the night and had refused to consume food after the attack.

"Normally, turmeric is applied for minor wounds to prevent infection. But the doctor advised against native treatment as the injuries were very deep and there was a high risk of pus formation. Three injections were administered, but recovery was slow. Today, we lost him," an elephant caretaker told *Star of Mysore*.

Overcrowding, staff shortage

Sources said that the Dubare camp is functioning beyond its recommended capacity. While the camp is meant to house around 22 elephants, it currently has 30 elephants, including reportedly aggressive ones such as Sugreeva, Dhananjaya and Prashantha.

Handlers and wildlife experts are now demanding that aggressive elephants be shifted away from tourist interaction zones, leaving only calm and well-trained elephants in public areas.

Crowd Management

Officials are also examining crowd management issues at the camp. On peak days, more than 1,000 tourists reportedly visit the camp at the same time, alongside rafting crowds, while several elephants are taken to the river for bathing.

Sources said the absence of regulated visitor slots leads to heavy crowding between 9 am and noon, causing disturbance to the elephants and affecting the river water conditions.

The camp currently operates with around 60 staff members, including Forest Department personnel, mahouts and kavadis. "Managing 30 elephants and over 1,000 tourists with such limited manpower is extremely difficult," a source said.

Concerns have also been raised over the declining role of senior mahouts, with younger and relatively inexperienced kavadis increasingly handling direct interaction with the elephants.

Hit-and-run: Rider killed, pillion injured

Mysuru, May 19 (KS)- A two-wheeler rider was killed on the spot, while pillion rider sustained serious injuries when a car rammed into their bike near ATME College of Engineering on Mysuru-Bannur Road on late Saturday night and sped away.

While the deceased has been identified as Manju (23), a resident of Annapoorneshwari Nagar in Bengaluru, the seriously injured pillion is 21-year-old Vikas of the same place.

Vikas, a welder by profession had taken contract of a work at the KEB Station on Bannur Road. He had brought his friend Manju to assist him. They had rented a room at Mellahalli village and were working since four months.

On Saturday (May 16), Manju and Vikas, after having their dinner near Deve Gowda Circle, were proceeding to their room on the bike at about 12.30 am, when a speeding car which came from the opposite direction rammed into the bike, seriously injuring Manju, the bike rider, who died instantly, while Vikas sustained critical injuries. He is admitted to a private hospital.

Varuna Police, who have registered a case, have launched a search for the car.

Two go missing from city

Sameer Ahmed

M.M. Sharath

Mysuru, May 19 (KS)- In separate cases, a youth and a boy have gone missing from city.

In the first case, 26-year-old Sameer Ahmed, who left his house for work on May 5 has since gone missing.

He is 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada, Hindi and Urdu and was wearing a white coloured full arm shirt and grey pants at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing youth may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In the second case, 19-year-old M.M. Sharath has gone missing from VV Puram Police limits.

He is 4.8 ft. tall, normal built, oily red complexioned, oval faced, has 'AMMA' tattooed on his left hand, wearing silver chain in his neck, silver ring on his right hand finger, silver bracelet on his right hand.

Anyone having information may contact VV Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

KSRTC buses in Mysuru to run as usual

Mysuru, May 19 (MTY&DM)- With the Karnataka High Court this morning restraining Transport Unions from going on an indefinite strike from tomorrow (May 20) seeking fulfilment of their various demands, KSRTC buses will operate as per routine schedule in the city and rural routes in the district.

The HC ruling comes as a huge relief for lakhs of bus commuters. The HC ruling comes as a double shock for Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Transport Unions- First, as the Court restrained it from going ahead with its strike plans and Second, as a few Transport Unions opted out of the strike at the last minute citing disapproval.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this noon after the HC ruling, Transport Union leader of Mysuru Vishwanath said that the strike has been called off and KSRTC buses will operate on as usual.

He pointed out that all staff and workers who had either planned to go on leave or absent themselves from duty for participating in the strike that was scheduled, will now report to work as usual tomorrow.

HC restrains Transport Unions from resorting to strike tomorrow

Bengaluru, May 19 (KMS&DM)- In a setback to staff and workers of State-run Transport Unions, the Karnataka High Court today (May 19), restrained the Transport Unions from resorting to an indefinite strike from tomorrow (May 20). The Court, at the same time, directed for continuation of meetings with the State authorities for resolution of grievances or demands.

A vacation Bench of Justices Suraj Govindaraj and K. Manmadha Rao passed the interim order on a PIL filed by C. Vedavathi, a house maid of Bengaluru and another construction worker claiming that their livelihood would be impacted if KSRTC bus services are not available.

During the hearing, the Court orally noted the Government's claim that substantial demands of the Transport Unions have already been met with by releasing necessary funds.

The Court posted the next hearing in the case to May 21, it is learnt.

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Palace temple murals to undergo fresh restoration

Rs. 12 lakh to restore murals of Ambujavalli Mahalakshmi and Svetavarahaswamy temples

Mysuru, May 19 (GA&BCT)- The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage has resumed efforts to conserve the wall paintings at the Svetavarahaswamy and Ambujavalli Mahalakshmi temples at the Mysore Palace premises, after the murals lost much of their vibrancy over the years.

An earlier conservation attempt, taken up in 2021, was abruptly halted midway. The Department has now sanctioned Rs. 12 lakh for the restoration work, which is expected to begin shortly.

The murals have suffered damage due to several factors, including small tears in the canvas, white patches over crimson-red paintings, lime splashes, dust accumulation, fungal growth and cracks caused by increased humidity, all of which have affected their aesthetic appeal.

Historical facts

Chikka Devaraja Wadiyar, who ruled Mysore from 1673 to 1704 with Srirangapatna as the capital, had built the Ambujavalli Mahalakshmi Temple there. Later, Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, who ruled from 1799 to 1868, built the Svetavarahaswamy temple complex after Mysore became the capital of the kingdom.

According to the Mysore Gazetteer, Chikka Devaraja Wadiyar procured the stone idol of Svetavarahaswamy from Srimushnam in present-day Tamil Nadu and installed it in the newly-built temple at Srirangapatna.

However, after the temple was demolished by Tipu Sultan, the idol was shifted to Mysore and reinstalled in the present temple in 1809. The Gazetteer also notes that Dewan Purnaiah built the temple using materials from a Hoysala-era structure in Shivamogga district.

Dewan Purnaiah had commissioned murals on the inner walls of the temples depicting episodes from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.

These nearly 200-year-old paintings gradually deteriorated due to poor maintenance. During earlier renovation works, chemical-based paints were reportedly used, further damaging the murals.

Aborted conservation attempt

In 2022, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage entrusted the conservation work to the National Research Laboratory for Conservation (NRLC), Lucknow.

A team from the Mysuru Regional Conservation Laboratory worked on the murals for a few months. However, instead of restoring the paintings, the work allegedly distorted parts of the artwork before it was stopped midway.

The murals that have suffered damage including small tears in the canvas and white patches.

Despite repeated letters from the Department of Archaeology and Heritage to the NRLC, no response was received.

Meanwhile, in February 2024, a Mysuru-based trainee, S.V. Sahana, who had worked with the NRLC Mysuru team, alleged that she had not been paid any stipend despite working as a trainee.

Concerned over the deteriorating condition of the murals, some devotees later approached the Chief Minister's grievance cell seeking immediate protection of the rare artworks.

Following this, Dr. Vaishnavi, Special Duty Officer to the Chief Minister, wrote to the Chamundeshwari Temple Authority and the Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, urging immediate conservation measures.

In response, Commissioner A. Devaraju said the tender process for conservation of the Ambujavalli temple murals had been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 12 lakh for the 2025-26 financial year. He added that the agency had been finalised and restoration orders would be issued shortly.

'Palace Library records to aid mural restoration work'

Mysuru, May 19 (GA&BCT)- Commissioner A. Devaraju of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage said the conservation of the temple wall paintings has already been entrusted to Deccan Heritage Foundation through a finalised tender process.

"The work order has been issued and the team comprises skilled experts," he said. As the temple comes under the jurisdiction of the Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority, the Department has sought formal permission to take up the conservation work. Once approval is granted, restoration is expected to begin immediately and be completed within two months.

Devaraju further said that restoration of the murals on the inner walls of the Svetavarahaswamy Temple would also be taken up later this year. "Only certain portions of the paintings, including ornaments and facial features, have been damaged. The conservation team will carefully restore these sections," he said.

The team would refer to books at the Palace Library to recreate and repaint the missing portions of murals.

These artistic murals are set to be restored to its original condition.

A damaged mural in front of the majestic pillars.

UoM to restore heritage Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre

SOM impact

Mysore University Registrar M.K. Savitha (right) inspecting Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture at Saraswathipuram yesterday.

Mysuru, May 19 (BCT)- The University of Mysore (UoM) has decided to renovate the dilapidated building housing Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Centre for Philosophy and Indian Culture, commonly called Dr. Radhakrishnan Centre, at Saraswathipuram.

The decision comes a day after *Star of Mysore* published a report on the partial collapse of the bungalow once occupied by former President and philosopher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.

Taking serious note of the issue, UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha, along with senior officials, inspected the bungalow yesterday.

Speaking to *SOM,* Savitha said all rooms and the upper portions of the structure were examined during the inspection. "One section has suffered damage due to vegetation growth, but the remaining portions of the building are stable. We have decided to repair and renovate the damaged section," she said.

She added that discussions have already been held with Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums, A. Devaraju and that an engineering team is scheduled to inspect the site.

"As this is a heritage structure, expert engineers will prepare the renovation plan. If the estimated cost is manageable, the University will take up the work directly. If the expenditure is high, we will seek grants from the Government," Savitha explained.

The building had earlier been renovated by Prof. M.R. Doreswamy, founder of PES Institutions, Bengaluru. Though his successors had reportedly assured support for further restoration works, no progress had been made so far.

"I will soon meet Prof. Doreswamy's son and request their support. Whether through donors, the University or the Archaeology Department, the building will be restored and preserved. We will not allow it to deteriorate," Savitha asserted.

'Poothan', Keralam's ritual mask on display at Anthropological Museum

Mysuru, May 19 (BCT)- A month-long exhibition on 'Poothan,' a ritual mask from Keralam, was inaugurated at the Zonal Anthropological Museum of the Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre (SRC), Mysuru, on International Museum Day yesterday.

Deputy Director Dr. Harasawaradhana and Head of Office Dr. Mithun Sikdar inaugurated the exhibition curated by Dr. Banita Behera under the 'Object of the Month' series. The exhibition will remain open to the public for a month.

'Poothan' is a carved wooden mask used in Keralam's traditional Poothan-Thira ritual performance. In the ritual, 'Poothan' is regarded as a companion of Lord Shiva accompanying Goddess Bhadrakali, while Thira represents Goddess Kali. The ritual, practised by the Mannan, Vannan and Perumannan communities in South Malabar, symbolises the triumph of good over evil.

The mask, usually carved from a single block of jackfruit wood, features bulging eyes, an extended tongue and a semi-circular wooden headgear decorated with bamboo, peacock feathers and mirrors.

During the performance, artistes dressed in bright red costumes with ornamental embellishments perform to the accompaniment of drums and horns, using energetic gestures and loud chants.

BJP scoffs at Congress Govt's 'Sadhana Samavesha'

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy is seen addressing the press meet at BJP Office in Chamarajapuram this morning as City BJP President L. Nagendra, BJP Spokesperson Mohan and party leaders look on.

Mysuru, May 19 (GA&DM)- Strongly criticising the State Government's 'Sadhana Samavesha' being held at Tumakuru today marking three years of Congress Government, City BJP President L. Nagendra maintained that corruption, scams, debts and maladministration are the hallmarks of the Congress Government.

Addressing a press meet at the City BJP Office in Chamarajapuram here this morning, Nagendra wondered what were the 'Sadhana' of the Congress Government in the past three years.

"The people would like to know whether the Congress Government considers corruption, chaos, poor governance and the like as 'achievements? Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar are vying for the CM post ever since the Congress Government came to power three years ago, while cabinet Ministers are making frequent Delhi trips in order to retain their post. This 'circus' has severely hit administration in the State with governance going out of control. Also, no development works or projects are being executed," he maintained.

State in debt trap

Accusing the Congress Government of emptying the Treasury for implementation of its 'Guarantee Schemes', Nagendra contended that the State has fallen into a debt trap, with the Government borrowing loans running upto Rs. 5 lakh crore in the past three years.

Noting that several Ministers of the Siddaramaiah Government are facing corruption and bribery charges, Nagendra alleged that the CM himself was embroiled in the multi-crore MUDA alternative sites scam. These are the real achievements of the Congress, he quipped.

Asserting that CM Siddaramaiah has done little for his home district of Mysuru, he alleged that the CM had failed in bringing any major industry to Mysuru. He also accused the Congress Government of doing only patch works during Dasara instead of asphalting the roads.

Nagendra also took a dig at the Siddaramaiah Government over rising crimes and failing Law and Order in the State.

BJP Spokesperson Mohan, who also addressed the press meet, wondered what all had happened to the much-hyped 'Model Mysuru' plan.

Drug menace

Alleging that drug production and networks are active in the city, he contended that Siddaramaiah had turned a blind eye towards this menace and a deaf ear to continued protests over the establishment of NIMHANS-like Hospital at Gudumadanahalli coming under his Varuna Assembly segment.

Mohan also maintained that CM's MLC son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah was running the show as per his whims and fancies at Varuna Constituency that is represented by his father.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, BJP leaders Vasanth Kumar, B.M. Raghu, Somasundar, Rudramurthy, M.K. Rajesh, Mahesh Raje Urs, B.M. Santosh Kumar, Karthik Mariyappa, Jagadish, Nandakumar, Shivaraju and others were present at the press meet.

WORD OF THE DAY

Vindicate

Pronunciation: VIN-duh-kayt (verb)

Meaning: To vindicate someone is to show that they are not guilty. Vindicate can also mean "to show that someone or something that has been criticised or doubted is correct, true or reasonable."

Origin: It's hard not to marvel at the rich history of vindicate. Vindicate, which has been used in English since at least the mid-16th century, comes from a form of the Latin verb vindicare, meaning "to set free, avenge or lay claim to." Vindicare, in turn, comes from vindex, a noun meaning "claimant" or "avenger." Truly, vindex has proven to be an incredible hulk of a word progenitor over the centuries. Other descendants of this "avenger" assembled in English include avenge itself, revenge, vengeance, vendetta and vindictive.

Example: "He [Bob Dylan] never expressed embarrassment over the dismal commercial failure of his would-be cinematic masterpiece, Renaldo and Clara, even after the film's financers, Warner Bros., warned Dylan that the film's nearly five hour running time would ensure its failure (which would prove true). Dylan insisted that the film needed every frame. And who knows, art history may vindicate him." — Ron Rosenbaum, Bob Dylan: Things Have Changed, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Vaalhaai

South African shark.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Turn over a new leaf

Meaning: To 'Turn over a new leaf' means to start over, to act in a different manner or change your attitude about something.

Origin: Way back in the 16th century, pages in books were referred to as leaves. So tuning over a new leaf meant that one was turning to a blank page. This phrase was used to signify a major change in behaviour or a new stage in life.

Example: "After years of drifting from job to job, Danny turned over a new leaf and got himself a steady gig."

QUOTE BOX

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.

— Robert Frost

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Tuna fish.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	6	1	4	8	3	2	7
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7	4	1	3	5	2	6	8	9
5	7	9	2	6	3	1	4	8
3	1	2	4	8	5	9	7	6
4	6	8	9	1	7	2	3	5
2	8	4	6	3	9	7	5	1
1	9	7	5	2	4	8	6	3
6	3	5	8	7	1	4	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Emmets
5 Sister of Osiris
9 School assn.
12 Carried away
13 Make over
14 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
15 Leer
16 Chastity
18 Pulls a face
20 Dash or zest
21 Restrain or control
24 Irish playwright
27 Make light of, colloquially speaking? (4-4)
31 Inertial Ref. Sys.
32 Greasy
33 An extinct flightless bird
34 Single entity
35 Psychedelic drug
36 Eventually; after considerable time? (2,6)
38 Show one knows (3,2)
41 Tough guy
42 Understanding term? (1,3)
44 Former India paceman Ashish ___
48 Puts underwater
52 Disturbance
53 ___ Lincoln (US President)
54 Wooden barrels
55 Small insect
56 Sea for the French
57 Exclamation of fright
58 Other in Spanish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	D	A	M	■	A	L	K	A	■	M	I	R
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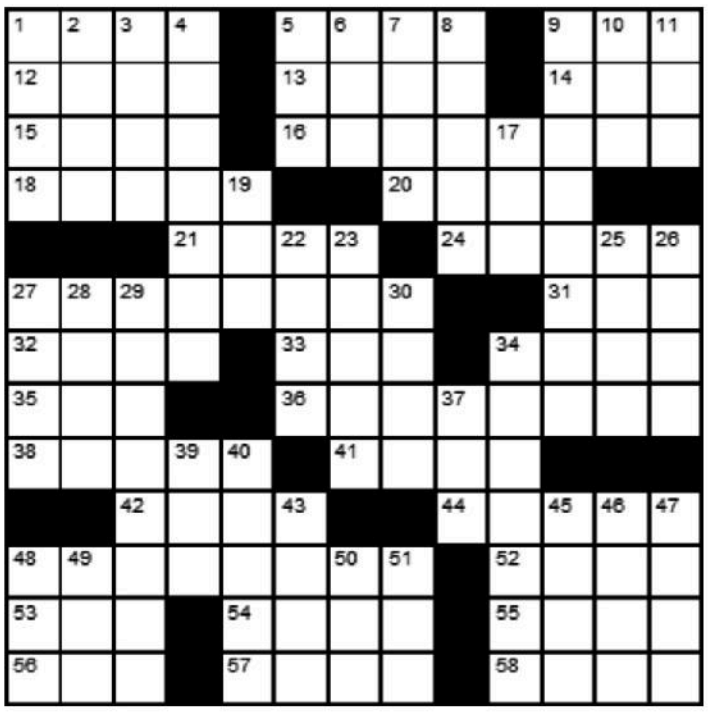
M	S	S	■	N	E	A	T	■	S	E	R	E
D	U	E	■	S	L	A	Y	■	H	A	K	E

DOWN

1 Surmounting; over
2 Slang usage meaning, "nothing doing"? (2,2)
3 ____ Balsam : soothing ointment?
4 Lacking in details
5 Internet Relay Chat, acronym?
6 Behold, look
7 Inactive
8 Makes dirty; smears or stains with dirt
9 Scheming or plotting
10 Facial twitch
11 Some - no matter which
17 Body of water
19 Drink by sips or spoonfuls
22 Arrivederci __
23 Stall
25 Courage
26 Bible book abbr.
27 Election
28 French river
29 Veteran (3-5)
30 Popular Microsoft game
34 Experience
37 A long time
39 Sugar suffix ?
40 Tense or edgy
43 Actor Morales
45 Innuendo or insinuation
46 Sound like a lion
47 Change "Tata" for what we make our roti from?
48 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
49 English honour, for short
50 Equal Time Point
51 180 degrees from NNW



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

UTD'H XZ OQYONU HT HOMZ O XNE FHZV NQ TDZ NF

NDUNWOHZU. JTK WOD'H WYTFF O WLOFP ND HRT FPOCC IKPVF.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS N

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who speaks the loudest is the least heard.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  My Name is KD (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  KD: The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Billa (Ta) - 4 Shows
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  Patriot (Ma) - 3 Shows

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Pati Patni Aur Who Do (H)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.35 am
Michael (E)	(S-2)	1.35 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Billie Eilis Hit Me Hard & Soft (E)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	11 am, 7.15 pm
Top Gun 1987 (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Love Mocktail 3 (K)	:	1.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.40 pm
Dhurandhar: The Revenge (K)	:	4.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	9.55 am, 11 am, 2 pm, 4.45 pm
		7.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.05 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 1.35 pm, 4.35 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	11 am, 4.25 pm, 6.25 pm
The Devil Wears Prada 2 (E)	:	11.45 am
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	12.30 pm, 6.55 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	12.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	1.55 pm, 7.20 pm
Sherr (K)	:	2.25 pm
IIZ: Indian Institute of Zombies (H)	:	3.35 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	5.10 pm
The Sheep Detectives (E)	:	7.50 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
		6.55 pm, 10 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 7.35 pm
Aakhri Sawal (H)	:	11.20 am, 4.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.50 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	7 pm
Raja Shivaji (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 19)

- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri Satyatma Theertha Swamiji graces the occasion, **5 pm;** 'Bhava Sudhe' Programme by Vidu. M.D. Pallavi and troupe, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 20)

- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Department of Collegiate & Technical Education, Government of Karnataka, PG Department of English, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, IQAC and Mysore Literary Association:** Special Talk on 'Plurality in Indian Literature' by Prof. Manu Chakravarthy, Literary and Cultural Critic and Academician; Prof. M.S. Anita, Principal, Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, presides, Prof. D. Anand, IQAC Coordinator & Coordinator, PG Department of Economics, Dr. N.S. Sindhu, Coordinator, PG Department of English, Dr. K.N. Sushma, Associate Professor, PG Department of English and Dr. Priya Uthaia, Associate Professor, PG Department of English, will be present, PG Seminar Hall, College premises, **11 am.**
- **District Administration, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma Jayantotsava Samiti:** Shivasharane Hemaraddi Mallamma Jayanti celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA K. Harishgowda presides, JSS College for Women Assistant Professor J. Pushpalatha delivers a lecture, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **11.30 am.**
- **Sri Krishna Mithra Mandali, Sri Krishna Trust:** Suvarna Sambhrama, Sri Sugnendra Theertha Swamiji graces the occasion, **5 pm;** 'Raaga Sudhe' cultural programme by Pt. Praveen Godkhindi and troupe, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram:** Discourse 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Sri Suvidyendra Theertha Swamiji, Tatvajnana Mandira, Sri Raghavendraswamy Vrindavana Sannidhana, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

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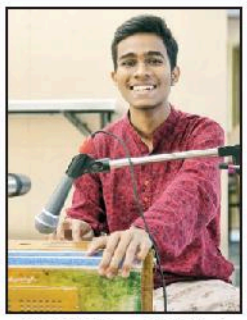
Vid. Vishwajith Kini

Vid. Sachin Hampe

May 20: 'Kala Saptami,' weekly cultural programme, Tabla Solo by **Vid. Milind,** accompanied by **Vid. Vishwajith Kini** on harmonium, **6 pm to 6.30 pm;** Sarod Recital by **Vid. Sachin Hampe**, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.** [Entry is Free]

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.35 pm, 3.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	10.30 am
KD: The Devil (K)	:	10.35 am, 1.30 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	11 am, 1.10 pm, 4.45 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Sherr (K)	:	1.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

KD: The Devil (K)	:	9.45 am, 1.05 pm
		4.10 pm, 7.35 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.55 am, 1.10 pm, 4 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.25 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm
My Name is KD (K)	:	12.50 pm
Shikhandi (K)	:	7.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

JSS phone-in programme

Raghavendra

Mysuru, May 19- JSS Radio 91.2 FM is organising a live phone-in programme on the topic 'Services and Facilities Provided by the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens' tomorrow (May 20) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Raghavendra, District Disabled Welfare Officer and District Officer for the Welfare of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Mysuru district, will participate in the programme and respond directly to queries from the public. Members of the public can call Mob: 82967-25912 or Ph: 0821-2546563 during the programme.

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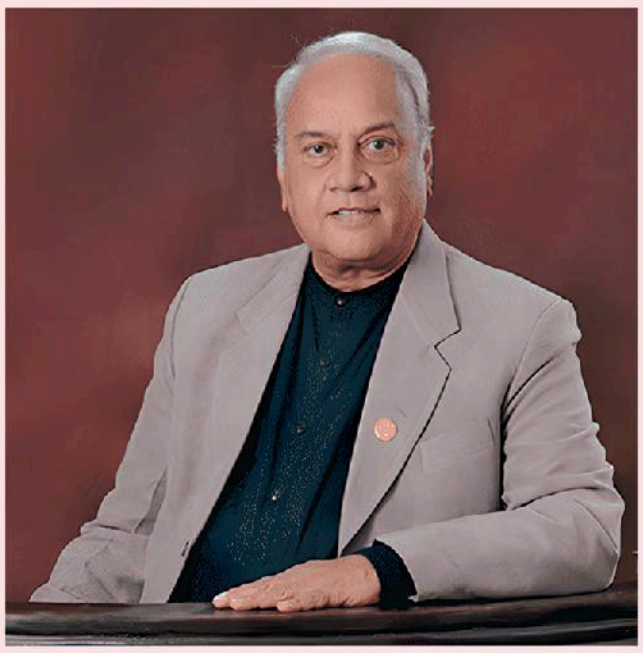

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